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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON BAHRAIN-ISRAELI CONTACTS

Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Ambassador Saeed Al Faihani, advisor to Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmad Al Khalifa, told us August 20 that the Foreign Minis

¶2. (C) Faihani confirmed to DCM that he is in contact with at least one Israeli journalist -- from "Ha'aretz" -- and that the Foreign Minister

¶3. (C) With many of Bahrain's leaders just this week returning from summer vacations, Faihani expected GOB decision-making to start moving aga